

if they were either to kill them or rob them of their young; for he takes a pleasure in hearing their innocent songs, and very willingly indulges them to take part of his fruit, for the sweet music with which they are continually entertaining him. I dare say, therefore, that if young *Dick Climb-away* was to go a bird-nesting there, and venture his clothes and his neck, as he and many other naughty boys do, in England, he would have him soundly whipped, or, perhaps, throw him into the sea. Such then is this happy island, which is called the *Seat of Education*: a name that was given it, because the people of condition in the other fortunate isles send their children hither to be educated: for giant *Instruction*, who is himself a very learned man, keeps a number of tutors and under masters to be employed for this purpose, among which number was your very humble servant, *Don Stephano Bunyano*, notwithstanding my office of secretary. But wherefore did I say *people of condition*? For here even the poorest boy may have admittance,

admittance, if he is but a gentleman. He can pass through the forms of ceremony which shall be hereafter mentioned. He happens to be a naughty boy, but a bad character from home, he may be admitted upon any account. He is not dressed as fine as handsomely, — nay, though he were a prince or an emperor. For he is a wicked child who neglects his education or disobey their parents, they cannot bear to look upon them.

I call him the *good giant*, because he really is so. For though he is the governor of the whole island, he does as he pleases, yet he believes that no man can be so great, or so rich, or so powerful, as to have any right to exempt himself from his duty. Some little boys are admitted because they are gentlemen, and are finely dressed, and eat and drink of the best of every thing, and are not to think that they may do a great deal of wickedness and mischief. For he is a very stupid and very naughty